

May 5, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Below are Frequently Asked Questions from staff and parents. This information is being posted on the district website. As the situation changes, this document will be updated.

1. Are there any cases of H1N1 virus (Swine Flu) in FBISD schools?

As of this afternoon, there are no confirmed or probable cases of H1N1 virus (swine flu) in FBISD. The Nueces County Health Department has reported that Flour Bluff has 17 suspected cases.

2. What is a suspected case?

A suspected case is defined as somebody who has been tested (swabbed) to determine whether or not the individual had N1H1 virus (swine flu).

3. What is a probable case?

A probable case is when the state lab has tested the sample and indicated they believe it is the N1H1 virus (swine flu).

4. Will all FBISD schools close if a case of H1N1 (swine flu) is reported?

That will be determined based on advisement from the Nueces County Health Department, in concert with district officials.

5. What is being done to keep the students at our schools from contracting H1N1 virus (swine flu)?

Our highest priority, as always, is the safety and well-being of our students. As a result, our custodial staff has gone above and beyond the recommended precautionary steps to prevent H1N1 virus (swine flu) occurrences at our campuses. Water fountains, bathrooms, doorknobs, and tables are being cleaned with the recommended appropriate CDC supplies periodically throughout the day. Hand sanitizers and soap and water is made available throughout the day and we are strongly encouraging and modeling its use. Teachers and nurses at all campuses are asked to be on the look-out for any students or staff that may be exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

In addition, our transportation department is sanitizing the buses periodically throughout the day.

6. If I choose to keep my child home from school, will it be an excused absence?

You have a medical reason/illness to keep your student home, please provide a note from your physician to have the absence excused, per district policy. Student absences during this time period are being monitored by district staff.

7. *What symptoms should I look for in my child?*

Should you notice any flu-like symptoms in your child, such as fever, cough, sneezing, or body aches, please contact your healthcare provider. Should you experience flu symptoms, please stay home.

8. *Are any district events being canceled?*

Individual campuses will monitor and assess if a scheduled event will be postponed or canceled. The district is following UIL guidelines for UIL events.

9. *Is the H1N1 virus (swine flu) treatable?*

The H1N1 virus (swine flu) is sensitive to antiviral medications; thus, making the symptoms milder and the duration shorter.

10. *Why has this been declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE)?*

The formal declaration of PHE has elevated the fears of everyone. A PHE is a tool, termed by government officials to facilitate health services preparation and mobilization for disasters and emergencies. In this case, it has enabled the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use of drugs and medical tests. It has allowed deployment of CDC staff to needed areas to ensure for prompt testing results.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact your campus nurse, principal or administration staff at any time.

ECC Campus – 694-9070

ECC Nurse – 694-9073

Primary Campus – 694-9687

Primary Nurse – 694-9647

Elementary Campus – 694-9587

Elementary Nurse – 694-9560

Intermediate Campus – 694-9493

Intermediate Nurse – 694-9468

Junior High Campus – 694-9387

Junior High Nurse – 694-9388

High School Campus – 694-9187

High School Nurse – 694-9188

Public Information Office – 694-9713

Administration – 694-9202, 694-9205 or 694-9220